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AFRL awards small business contract to Ithaca firm

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ROME, N.Y. — The Air Force Research Laboratory's Information Directorate has awarded a \$99,981 contract to GrammaTech Inc. of Ithaca.

The nine-month agreement, "Source-Code Vulnerability Detection," was awarded under the federal government's Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) program.

"This SBIR award will address the vulnerabilities introduced into software products as a result of coding error," said John Feldman, program manager in the directorate's Defensive Information Warfare Branch. "The resulting technology will allow

automated detection and identification of certain programming errors inadvertently introduced into software products by developers."

"Often these errors, unintentionally made by programmers, present potential hackers with opportunities to compromise software products," Feldman said. "With the technology envisioned by GrammaTech, particularly damaging coding weaknesses can be prevented by the developer prior to release of the product." @